

Sharon - Because

(You ask for it)

Jim



## Monday Night

Laying in top Bunk  
writing this. Drove 59.5 miles,  
just a little tired. Only got  
in two arguments with pep.  
We are in Orangeburg S.C.  
Hooked up in Ray's driveway  
Had Hush Puppies + Catfish  
Pretty good stuff. 11 o'clock  
now. Pep + Ray still in  
Ray's house playing Genius  
Trivia. Acted like I had  
a headache, besides I'm a  
little tired. getting about  
7 miles a gallon. '59.5 miles'  
you figure it out. Ray  
has a Cat + they talk to it  
like a child. It didn't have  
much to say to it. How  
long can you talk about  
a cat. I'll have to  
bone up on it I don't  
know when there going  
to bed. There still playing  
Trivia + drinking Coffee.  
I'm going to bed.

Jim





Tuesday Night

Midnight now. Gave  
up worrying about those guys  
you won't believe this tale  
Got up this morning about  
645. Everything fine. Climbed  
out of top bunk. ~~Wanted~~

Not the least bit surprised  
No Pep. (No PEP!) I thought  
he probably was still asleep  
in Ray's house. He was supposed  
to be in the bottom bunk.

Anyway I heated some coffee  
water. I had that + Honey  
Buns. About 730 Ray came  
in for coffee, <sup>sort of</sup> ~~sort of~~ looked  
around + said - Pep in  
bath room? I said you  
ought to know, you just  
came out of your house.

'Pen ran out' Anyway - he  
said he didn't sleep in my  
house! And I know he  
didn't sleep in the trailer

To make a long story longer.  
Here's what happened. About  
2 o'clock in the morning he



Came in. Couldn't find the light switch, you know the one next to the door - He found the bath room, decided he was going to take a shower. Couldn't get the water on, made a mess & gave it up. Had the bed made up for him & everything. About 3 o'clock now. So he went to bed. You know I had the air running, it was still 90 degrees. After about 20 min he was freezing & if he could have figured it out he would have turned the air off. It was covered up with blankets so he would have killed me in about an hour.

He said nobody should sleep with a blanket in the summer time so he didn't bring any covers. Like I told him to ... - You don't tell Pep nothing. Well he went out & sleep in the Van on the back.



seat. Still 90 degrees.  
Ray woke him up. &  
Pegs told the story. We  
knew we had 500 miles  
to Leesburg & we were  
getting up at 6. Some  
of <sup>us</sup> got a little sleep  
Tough night

James






Wed night

You'll never believe this day. Drove out looking for old grave yard for someone <sup>uncle</sup> named ~~Robert~~ Robert. Was supposed to be next to Plantation. Good thing we didn't find it because later on in the library ~~for~~ we found out he was ~~Robert~~. Spent about four hours on old records at the town hall. Now were up to 7 in the evening. We went together to the local grocery store & anything would have suited me. I've got the grill so I figured on some Burgers or Polish. But Pep wanted some Pot pies with chicken was ok with Ray. He didn't care & either did I. So we ended up with 6. Got back to trailer & Ray was going to cook. Oh by me, we got the Microwave... Ray opened everything up ~~at~~ & said - Pep - You can't



Put foil in a microwave.  
& these things don't say  
any thing about a microwave.  
Will Pep get hot & we all  
got into it. Ray got mad  
Pep got mad & I was born  
mad. Finally we settled  
down a little bit & decided  
if we took them out of the  
little alum. pans we could  
put them on a paper plate  
& napkin. We set it for  
two minutes. Still frozen.  
Four minutes. Started to  
get warm. Ten more  
minutes, you could stick  
your fingers in. Now  
all thawed out - But  
crust was like soft  
dough. About 9 o'clock  
now. I know - Lets  
put them in big frying  
pan. Ate bread and  
soda till Mush was made  
in frying pan. We  
divided it up & I  
plopped the other three



on the pan. I had forgotten  
the micro. Had thawed the  
others. I checked on them  
in about five minutes on  
high burner. Couldn't  
even stick a knife in them.  
Gave up & put pan out  
side of trailer. Any way  
more Soda & Honey Buns!  
Now you have the old 'good  
news' - 'bad news' stuff.  
That was the good ~~the~~  
news. 'And now for the  
rest of the story' - - - - -  
I've had about nine hrs.  
sleep since we left Belto.  
About 11:00 now. Being  
an old fashioned I figured  
it's 'Bed Time'. Ray said  
fine - great - O.K. Peppy  
said you don't tell me  
what to do. I would like  
to watch a tape. Ray  
said - I don't know. I  
said 'Bull Crap.' Ray  
& Pep got in to it ~~know~~  
I said - 'That's It' 



- Were Outta Here -  
Pep said OK By me  
Twenty<sup>min</sup> later were headed  
for Balto. Frying Pan  
& Soggy Pot pies threw  
in back. Couldn't leave  
Marge's Frying pan. OK  
to leave Pep - But ~~not~~  
not the pan. Drove about  
fifty miles & stopped for  
gas. Ray & Pep went inside  
& I waited. Finally they  
came out & Pep came out &  
just about begged me to go  
back to the campground.  
What could I do. We are  
all loving brothers?  
We pulled back in our  
same site. Now everybody's  
cooled off. Let's see  
what tomorrow brings  
Jimmy





Thurs Mite I think -

Its about 10 o'clock now  
Got up this morn about  
7 AM. We had bought  
corn flakes - milk + those  
pot pies yesterday I never  
want to look at another P.P.

any way we loaded up  
our bowls with ~~ceasar~~  
corn flakes. I said Ray  
get the milk. Ray said  
What Milk. I cant find it.

We had left in the Van  
yesterday. I guess we all  
took the blame for that. Dont  
ever try to eat Corn Flakes  
with water. 'Threw it Out'

Ended up with coffee - Mint  
Paddies + Butterfingers for  
Breakfast. Ran out of  
Honey Buns... Back to  
the library + looked at  
more Microfilm of 1911

Went to Nursing Home  
+ talked to old 91 year  
old Woman about old  
Seesburg Georgia. She was  
pretty sharp for



Had  
Old Lady - Lunch at  
McDonalds - Left Leesburg  
around Two o'clock & Drove  
here to Albany Ga.  
About 275 Miles. We had  
the worst Rain & Lightning  
I had ever come through.  
It was the first time  
I have ever pulled off  
the road. I couldn't see  
or drive any more. Lucky  
we pulled into a Circle  
drive in with a big  
side roof that covered  
the Van & trailer. All  
Truck driver here. Every-  
body was eating eggs.  
We didn't want to be  
out of place so we ordered  
Ham & Eggs - Trito & Black  
coffee. They seemed to  
think we were o.k. We  
had to tell them we  
were Brothers from Balto  
Because it looks kinda  
strange three fairly nice  
looking guys in



a trailer together.

Any way we are in  
a State Park with water  
& Elec. right now.

Watched 'Deliverance' Tape

So then we had to watch  
one of Ppps old Tapes

Called Laura, B + W. Came

out in 47. Quater to 2

now Can't wait to get

back to Marge. I never

new I could miss her

so much - Love you Baby

Big Daddy





Fri or Sat - I'm not sure  
'about Midnight'

Got up about 7. Had Butter  
Fingers + Coffee. Sat around  
about 1 hr. + talked about  
plans. Drove into town +  
got lost about three times +  
ended up in drive through  
at some Burger joint. We  
couldn't understand what  
they were saying in 'Georgian'  
It wasn't English or Spanish  
Held up the line for about  
twenty mins so we had to  
go inside to eat. We  
had breakfast - Cheeseburger  
+ Orange juice. We were  
looking for old Cemetery back  
in woods. 'Thick Woods'  
Pep + Ray finally starting  
walking back in deep  
woods + I had to stay  
with car. Small sandy  
road just wide enough for  
van. It was still 100  
degrees. I waited about  
1/2 hr + saw a pickup



Truck about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile away  
with its lights on pull  
into little drive way. I  
decided to see what I could  
do. We had just about  
run out of aces. I took off  
& caught him before he  
parked it. I explained it  
best I could from hearing  
them talk. 'Pep & Ray'.

He told me about a old  
Cemetery next to a little  
church & I knew that wasn't  
it. About that time a old  
guy came out of the house  
& heard the story. He  
said wait a minute I  
think I know where you  
talking about. It was  
about five miles from  
where we were. I drove  
back to where the other  
guys were & I showed  
them the map we had  
made. They said it  
looked possible. Anyway  
we followed it



pretty close. Parked the  
Van + started back in  
woods like Thackeray Trail  
about  $\frac{1}{4}$  miles from the  
Van we found this little  
Cemetery about  $\frac{1}{2}$  the size  
of Bud's swimming pool  
My Grand Father + Grand-  
Mother. My Great Aunts +  
Uncles. # and two heart  
breaking little Military  
Head stones. They were  
my Second <sup>cousins</sup> They were  
Eighteen + Twenty years  
old. Both killed in  
WW II, Four months  
apart. '1945'. Terrible  
storm right + now. We are  
at nice campground on big  
lake in Northern Georgia  
Started watching Toomstone  
But Pop said he never  
heard of Kurt Russell  
+ he didn't like cowboys.  
I said the 'Heck' with  
it. Ejected it. So we  
watched Thirty Seconds



over Tokyo for the  
eighteenth time. Fifteen  
mins before the end I  
got up in the top bunk  
and starting writing this  
Lots of lightning now but  
nothing excites me to much  
Only "Marge". Love ya  
The only time I can tell  
you is in a letter  
Sweet isn't it.

~~Catherant's~~ Kate's  
Favorite  
Person





(11:30)

Sat Night - I'm pretty sure I think - almost sure last night we pulled into beautiful campground at Lovely Lake Camp. It was big night club too. Hundreds of people at front of Club + campground was off to rear of Big store. Well Sat night & no reservations. We entered night Club + office. A Navaho Indian said you have tent? We said we have trailer. He said give me fifteen Bucks + you go find campground back there. I thought: This good deal I mean this sounds like a good deal. Any way we said OK + proceeded to rear of corral. After about a half mile down a old dirt road hoping we could find a open site. It was pitch dark and I noticed something like little roads



going off to sides. ~~Then~~ <sup>then</sup>  
I realized we were in  
the campground. We  
made a big loop about  
~~half~~ half a mile & camp  
came back to Navaho &  
he came out & said I  
give me Fifteen Bucks!  
I said I'm the guy ~~to~~  
who gave you Fifteen Bucks  
He said. OK, go find  
campground back there.  
Plenty Sites - you go & find  
one, you only one & ~~me~~,  
me .... Well next morning  
(this morning) He was right.  
Forty four campsites, just  
us & him. Helloha Way  
to run a Rail Road.  
We found ~~of~~ old couple  
that helped with old  
pictures. He was older  
than dirt ~~it~~ <sup>she</sup> looked worse  
than not our relatives  
Got into it two more  
times with you know  
who. Starting to



be a way of life.  
The only good thing is  
Tomorrow morning I  
only have to drive  
Five Hundred + 80 miles

I know know one thing  
I'll never-ever go again  
without Margl. We are  
in Rays Driveway now  
Jenny - Rays Wife really  
treated me good. I took  
Bake Pot. Salad - Biscuits  
& other stuff. getting tired  
drove all day.

Marty

~~Its Over~~

